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| Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Application Number | 09/657,276 |
| | Filing Date | September 7, 2000 |
| | First Named Inventor | Dominique BRIDON |
| | Art Unit | 1653 |
| | Examiner Name | S. Snedden |
| | Attorney Docket Number | 500862002300 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ **Enclosed**

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)**

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other **Preliminary Amendment - 11 pgs**

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a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) (\$395.00)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) (\$490.00)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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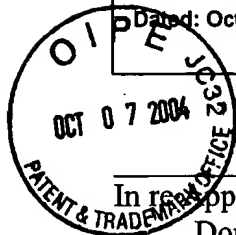
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Examiner: S. Snedden

For: PROTECTION OF ENDOGENOUS
THERAPEUTIC PEPTIDES FROM
PEPTIDASE ACTIVITY THROUGH
CONJUGATION TO BLOOD COMPONENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Advisory Action dated July 28, 2004; a Final Office Action was mailed on April 7, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to **October 7, 2004**. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. The response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 35 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. There are no amendments to the claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.